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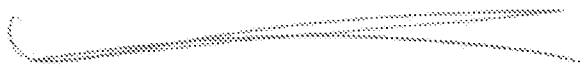
Claims 9-11, 13-18, 20, 22, 23, 45, and 46 are pending. Claims 1-8, 12, 19, 21, and 24-44 were canceled. In this supplemental reply, claim 9 has been further amended, in consideration of the Examiner's suggestions, to incorporate the steps of claim 19, and to overcome the 101 rejections. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the arguments presented in the January 11, 2010 response and the current claim amendments, claims 9-11, 13-18, 20, 22, 23, 45, and 46 are now allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, if any fees are due, please charge any fees due in connection with this Reply to Troutman Sanders LLP Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

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